

## Anna's Go-to Local Gardening Resources

Central and NW Tucson organizations and businesses that have helped me grow as a gardener over the past 20 years

Name	Retail	Education	Physical site	Locally owned	Non-profit	notes
Ace Hardware <a href="https://www.acehardware.com/">https://www.acehardware.com/</a>	Multiple locations					Convenient for irrigation and seeds
The Arizona Native Plant Society <a href="https://aznps.com/">https://aznps.com/</a>	See list of partners.					State-wide native plant education organization with meetings and field trips plus more nursery recommendations on website
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona <a href="https://www.communityfoodbank.org/Our-Work/Programs#HealthAndFood">https://www.communityfoodbank.org/Our-Work/Programs#HealthAndFood</a>	Call for availability.					Multiple teaching gardens and frequent classes to support home gardening
Desert Survivors Nursery <a href="https://desertsurvivors.org/">https://desertsurvivors.org/</a>						Huge selection of desert plants
Eco Gro <a href="https://www.ecogro.com/">https://www.ecogro.com/</a>						A small but mighty store for unique plants, gardening supplies, and advice
The Home Depot <a href="https://www.homedepot.com/">https://www.homedepot.com/</a>	Multiple locations					Convenient for seeds, soil, and plants but less aligned with local seasons and climate
Lowe's Home Improvement <a href="https://www.lowes.com/">https://www.lowes.com/</a>	Multiple locations					Convenient for seeds, soil, and plants but less aligned with local seasons and climate
Mission Garden <a href="http://www.missiongarden.org">www.missiongarden.org</a>	For special events					Spacious, historic food gardens and orchards plus special events

Native Seeds/SEARCH <a href="http://www.nativeseeds.org">www.nativeseeds.org</a>	online only, local pick-up		Farm for volunteers			Superb offering of desert-adapted seeds, supplies, and advice
Petsmart <a href="https://www.petsmart.com/">https://www.petsmart.com/</a>	Multiple locations					Red wiggler worms for worm bins
Pima County Public Library <a href="https://www.library.pima.gov/">https://www.library.pima.gov/</a>						FREE seeds, gardening storytimes, and plenty of info
Rillito Nursery <a href="https://www.rillitonursery.com/">https://www.rillitonursery.com/</a>						Wide variety of garden plants and supplies plus friendly and family-owned
Tank's Green Stuff <a href="https://tanksgreenstuff.com/">https://tanksgreenstuff.com/</a>	Available at Tohono Chul Park, Eco Gro, Native Seeds /SEARCH, some Ace					Source of locally-produced compost and site to dump yard waste for composting
Tohono Chul Park <a href="http://www.tohonochul.org">www.tohonochul.org</a>						Beautiful desert gardens to tour plus retail shop and special events
Tucson Backyard Gardening Facebook Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/123250067720449">https://www.facebook.com/groups/123250067720449</a>						Online forum for a wealth of answers and encouragement based on members' experience. Let me know if you need an invitation.
Tucson Village Farm <a href="https://tucsonvillagefarm.arizona.edu/">https://tucsonvillagefarm.arizona.edu/</a>	Farmer's Market					Demonstration farm tailored to schools and families; a branch of the Cooperative Extension
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension <a href="https://extension.arizona.edu/">https://extension.arizona.edu/</a>	Seasonal plant sales					Wealth of online articles on growing food in Southern Arizona, plus adult classes
Watershed Management Group <a href="https://watershedmg.org/">https://watershedmg.org/</a>						Hands-on workshops and classes plus consulting on landscaping that prioritizes water harvesting